U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

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AMENDED STANDING ORDER CHARLENE J. KENNEDY, CLERK REGARDING ATTORNEY FEES IN CHAPTER 13 CASESBY.

If there is no objection raised by a party in interest, in Chapter 13 cases filed on or after September 1, 2000, and prior to January 1, 2005, the Court will normally approve a fee for the attorney for the debtor of up to \$1,500; in cases filed on or after January 1, 2005, and prior to October 17, 2005, the Court will normally approve a fee of up to \$1.700; in cases filed on or after October 17, 2005, and prior to August 1, 2007, the Court will normally approve a fee of up to \$2,200: and, in cases filed on or after August 1, 2007, the Court will normally approve a fee of up to \$2,500.

The fee approved by the Court is on the basis that the scope of representation by the attorney includes both pre-confirmation and post-confirmation representation of the debtor, except for representation in any adversary proceeding. Basically, once an attorney sets a fee and files a petition for the debtor, the Court expects the attorney to represent conscientiously the debtor until the debtor is granted or denied a discharge or the case is dismissed.

No additional fee is to be sought from the debtor or accepted by the attorney without prior Court approval.

In large business cases or in cases involving an inordinate amount of time or for representation in any adversary proceeding, the Court will consider a request for a fee in excess of the aforesaid amounts.

This order amends the standing orders regarding attorney fees in Chapter 13 cases which were entered on May 27, 1992: May 1, 1996: August 11, 2000; November 12, 2004; and. November 18, 2005.

SO ORDERED this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July. 2007.

ARD R. GAINES

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

NEIL P. OLACK

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**EDWARD ELLINGTON** 

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE